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DATA STORING SYSTEM, ISSUING APPARATUS,  
DATA PROVIDING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER  
READABLE MEDIUM STORING DATA DATA  
STORING PROGRAM

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2004 (the three-month response date for which is June 8, 2004), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.